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Applicant: Michael Gordon  
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Examiner: Teresa J. Walberg  
Docket No.: BWC-106US

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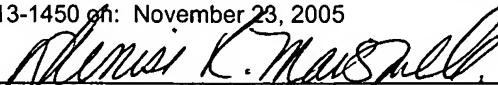
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